



Naromi Land Trust, Inc.

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Highlights of 2010

- **Hikes:** More than seventy people have participated in hikes from April to November on Naromi preserves. Hiking the Naromi trails is a great way to appreciate the beauty of Sherman, and to see the results of past support from our members. We have enclosed an updated hike guide with a few suggestions for great hikes on Naromi properties; see our website (www.naromi.org) for more.
- **Volunteer Workdays:** Naromi Board members and volunteers have dedicated their time on several workdays throughout the spring, summer and fall, helping to clear brush, eradicate invasive plants, cut new trails, design, construct, and install trail signs, do landscape planting at Babbling Brook Farm, and more.



- **eNewsletter:** Naromi continues to publish a monthly eNewsletter with notices about hikes, workdays, and other events, as well as educational articles on conservation issues, plants, and animals. Be sure to include your email address with your membership contribution to get onto the distribution list.
- **Towner Hill Preserve:** A loop trail that connects to Irene's Woods has been completed and is clearly marked with signs. A new public parking area off of Route 37 is in the works!
- **Mallory Preserve:** Naromi Board member Chris Jellen completed a half-mile loop trail in the Mallory Preserve (between the Sherman IGA and the Sherman Historical Society). This preserve is one of Naromi's most popular because of its spectacular wooden boardwalk (renovated two years ago) and its convenient location. The new loop will take you back to the secluded and lovely Sawmill Brook. The trail was dedicated "Chris's Crescent" on June 19th, at the Sherman Chamber Ensemble Town Picnic.
- **Annual Meeting in July:** An audience of over 125 gathered on July 9th on the beach of the Lake Mauweehoo Clubhouse to see and learn about birds of prey and to celebrate Naromi's accomplishments. James Eyring of Pace Environmental Center was a master of his enthusiastic audience of toddlers to octogenarians, answering questions and keeping everyone engaged for almost two hours with facts and tales about his birds, including a Gyr falcon, a Harris hawk, a Kestrel, a Barred owl, and a Peregrine Falcon. After the bird presentation, Naromi Land Trust held its Annual Business meeting with a summary of activities during the past year. Elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors were Bill Garrison, Michael Hertzberg, Margery Josephson, and Stephanie Warren. Naromi thanked our dedicated core of volunteers for all the work that they do.



- **Annual Fall Picnic:** Many pieces came together to give Naromi another wonderful and successful picnic: perfect weather with enough breeze for good kite flying, good food, and about 150 folks of all ages. There were many kites in the sky, and the view towards the Massachusetts hills was spectacular with the fall colors. We officially dedicated Hadlow field as "Kemp's Meadow" (special thanks to Chris Jellen for the beautiful sign) after beloved and longtime Board member Kemp Mandeville.

Call our office (860) 354-0260 or visit our website www.naromi.org for more information about our work or to volunteer to help us.